IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (**Currently Amended**) A cylindrical roller bearing comprising:

an inner ring having a raceway surface in ~~the~~ an outer periphery,

an outer ring having a raceway surface in ~~the~~ an inner periphery,

a plurality of cylindrical rollers rollably disposed between the raceway surface of the inner ring and the raceway surface of the outer ring, and

a resin cage holding the cylindrical rollers at predetermined intervals,

wherein said cage ~~is composed of~~ includes a pair of annuluses, ~~and~~ a plurality of columns interconnecting the annuluses, and pockets ~~are formed~~ defined therein for receiving cylindrical rollers between adjacent columns and which are radially positioned with respect to the cylindrical rollers,

wherein each column is provided with a pair of tongues extending radially away from a base that is parallel to a corresponding annulus, and

~~the~~ wherein a relation r/Lw ≥ 0.1 holds where r is ~~the~~ a radius of curvature of ~~the~~ corners of the pockets, and Lw is ~~the~~ a length of the cylindrical rollers.

2. (**Currently Amended**) **[[**A**]]** The cylindrical roller bearing as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a relation r/k1 ≤ 1 holds, where ~~r is the radius of curvature of the corners of the pockets of the cage, and~~ k1 is ~~the~~ a minimum dimension on ~~the~~ an inner diameter side of ~~the~~ an annulus of the cage between a pocket and the annulus in a direction that is parallel to a longitudinal axis of the cage.

3. (**Currently Amended**) **[[**A**]]** The cylindrical roller bearing as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a relation r < k2 + r1 holds, where ~~r is the radius of curvature of the corners of the pocket of the cage,~~ k2 is ~~the~~ an amount of projection of a contact section of the pocket for contact with ~~the~~ a cylindrical roller end surface, and r1 is an ~~the~~ axial chamfer of the cylindrical roller.

4. (**Currently Amended**) ~~A cylingrical~~ The cylindrical roller bearing as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ a relation r < k2 + r1 holds, where ~~r is the radius of curvature of the corners of the pocket of the cage,~~ k2 is ~~the~~ an amount of projection of a contact section of the pocket for contact with ~~the~~ a cylindrical roller end surface, and r1 is ~~the~~ an axial chamfer of the cylindrical roller.

5. (**Currently Amended**) **[[**A**]]** The cylindrical roller bearing as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a relation $w5 \cdot Z/\Phi d1 \cdot \pi > 0.1$ holds, where $\Phi d1$ is ~~the~~ an inner diameter of the cage, w5 is ~~the~~ a distance from ~~the~~ a contact section of ~~the~~ a pocket that contacts ~~the~~ a cylindrical roller end surface to ~~the~~ a column, and **[[**z**]]** Z is ~~the~~ a number of cylindrical rollers.

6. (**Currently Amended**) A cylindrical roller bearing cage ~~wherein the cage is composed of~~ comprising:

a pair of annuluses, ~~and~~

a plurality of columns interconnecting the annuluses, and

a plurality of pockets ~~are formed~~ defined therein for receiving cylindrical rollers between adjacent columns,

wherein each column is provided with a pair of tongues extending radially away from a base that is parallel to a corresponding annulus, and

wherein ~~the~~ a relation r/Lw ≥ 0.1 holds where r is ~~the~~ a radius of curvature of ~~the~~ corners of the pockets, and Lw is ~~the~~ a length of the cylindrical rollers.

7. (**Currently Amended**) **[[**A**]]** The cylindrical roller bearing cage as set forth in claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ a relation r/k1 ≤ 1 holds, where ~~r is the radius of curvature of the corners of the pockets of the cage, and~~ k1 is ~~the~~ a minimum dimension on ~~the~~ an inner diameter side of ~~the~~ an annulus of the cage between a pocket and the annulus in a direction that is parallel to a longitudinal axis of the cage.

8. (**Currently Amended**) **[[**A**]]** The cylindrical roller bearing cage as set forth in claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ a relation $w5 \cdot Z/\Phi d1 \cdot \pi > 0.1$ holds, where Φd1 is ~~the~~ an inner diameter of the cage, w5 is ~~the~~ a distance from ~~the~~ a contact section of ~~the~~ a pocket that contacts ~~the~~ a cylindrical roller end surface to ~~the~~ a column, and **[[**z**]]** Z is ~~the~~ a number of cylindrical rollers.

9. (**Currently Amended**) **[[**A**]]** The cylindrical roller bearing cage as set forth in claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ a relation r < k2 + r1 holds, where ~~r is the radius of curvature of the corners of the pocket,~~ k2 is ~~the~~ an amount of projection of a contact section of the pocket for contact with ~~the~~ a cylindrical roller end surface, and r1 is ~~the~~ an axial chamfer of the cylindrical roller.

10. (**New**) The cylindrical roller bearing as set forth in claim 1, wherein an inner surface of each annulus defines a circumferential wall surface of a corresponding

pocket and is provided with a raised contact surface for guiding an end surface of a corresponding cylindrical roller.

11. (**New**) The cylindrical roller bearing as set forth in claim 1, wherein a lateral surface of each column defines an axial wall surface of a corresponding pocket, the axial wall surface including a straight surface formed by a lateral surface of the base and an arcuate section formed by a lateral surface of a corresponding tongue, and wherein the straight surface and the arcuate section cooperate to define a guide surface for guiding a rolling surface of a corresponding cylindrical roller.

12. (**New**) The cylindrical roller bearing as set forth in claim 1, wherein inner lateral surfaces of each tongue are connected by a bottom surface defined on an outer surface of the base.

13. (**New**) The cylindrical roller bearing cage as set forth in claim 6, wherein an inner surface of each annulus defines a circumferential wall surface of a corresponding pocket and is provided with a raised contact surface for guiding an end surface of a corresponding cylindrical roller.

14. (**New**) The cylindrical roller bearing cage as set forth in claim 6, wherein a lateral surface of each column defines an axial wall surface of a corresponding pocket, the axial wall surface including a straight surface formed by a lateral surface of the base and an arcuate section formed by a lateral surface of a corresponding tongue, and wherein the straight surface and the arcuate section cooperate to define a guide surface for guiding a rolling surface of a corresponding cylindrical roller.

15. (**New**) The cylindrical roller bearing cage as set forth in claim 6, wherein inner lateral surfaces of each tongue are connected by a bottom surface defined on an outer surface of the base.